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1. An organization, to be called the National Union of Intellectual Laborers, will be formed shortly by the Chinese Communists.

2. TU Kuo-hsiang (杜國屏)*, Commissioner of Education for Kwangtung, has declared that students and intellectuals are considered by the government to be workers. They, therefore, belong to the working class, the leaders of the nation.**

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Comment. This announcement represents a major change in policy, as it was announced only a month ago that intellectuals were to be considered as bourgeoisie. The change evidently aims at enlisting the support of the intellectuals in the consolidation of the new regime. No public discussion or specific mention of a change has been made in the newspapers.

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